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Why Ravallac Laughed.  
Suicide in Russia.  
All Year Half-Holiday Here.  
Italian Victory.  
\$150 for First U. S. Prisoner.

WEATHER:  
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TONIGHT;  
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## Boy-Ed's Woman Clerk Fled From Means' Flat SWEDEN CODE CABLES TO U. S. BANNED

"Swedish minister leaves England." Important and serious news. To discuss it fully would be indiscreet. The war's complications have not come to an end.

The Kaiser, according to German prisoners recently taken, has offered "a bonus of \$150 and three weeks' leave of absence for the German soldier who takes the first American prisoner in war."

The German soldier will NEED the three weeks to rest up and the \$150 to pay the doctor.

Cheaper to let Americans alone, Herr Fritz. Cheaper not to have started this war Kriegsherr Kaiser!

You know why Ravallac laughed, while he was being broken on the wheel. He had killed the French King Henry the Fourth and they were inventing a fancy punishment for him.

When the bones of his leg had been broken for the third time in the process of death by torture he laughed out loud and kindly explained his laughing as follows:

"After you broke it the first time I did not feel anything."

This was doubtless true. The brain sustains and records a certain terrific shock of pain, surprise, grief. After that it fails to respond.

As Ravallac felt about being broken on the wheel, so the world feels about this war. No matter what happens now, we scarcely notice it. Poison gas, burning flames, dynamite, treason, revolution—we remain calm and cold.

If revolution broke out in England, and the King published an advertisement saying, "I want to be elected President," we should merely raise our eyebrows and ask, "Is there any news?"

Poor Ravallac, the torturers finished him by pouring melted lead into his stomach. We trust the end of this infernal period of torture will be less painful.

It is strange to read of the Russian General Kryloff committing suicide because he thought he was going to be shot. They might have made him Czar if he had waited a day or two. Committing suicide in Russia seems waste of effort. It's like reciting Barbara Fritchie in the Cave of the Winds.

Half-holiday for Government employees all through the year.

Why NOT? Cabinet officers, heads of departments, Congressmen, Senators—all have at least one weekly half-holiday besides all of Sunday. If they take the "all men are created equal" theory seriously, they will give Government employees half a day off every week instead of ending the year's half-holiday on this day, September 15. This all-year half-holiday would pay well—in better work, and what is more important, in healthier, happier citizenship. And that ought to count in a Republic.

We have asked Prof. Servias to call upon Mr. McFarlin, president of the Federal Employees' Union, and assist with publicity the campaign for an all-year-round weekly half-holiday for Government employees. The thing can be done, and OUGHT to be done.

Another victory for Italy. That land, mother of so many famous fighters and victories, may actually win this war.

Defeat Austria and Germany cannot stand. And there is a good chance of the Italians finishing the Austrian job. Italy is a UNITED nation, a united homogeneous race—and has been for centuries. Austria is a mixture held together against its will. Good thing for Italy.

"May force Kerensky out." It is only a question of time. Fortunate for the world that this Russian tangle was postponed until the Kaiser knew he was beaten. He knows now that nothing but peace will do him any good.

And it is the Kaiser, talking blood, iron, and "will to victory" in Germany, who is back of the urgent appeals for peace in Austria, and back of peace negotiations in Switzerland.

If the statement concerning German treason against the Argentine Republic is true, somebody in Germany ought to be jailed for life, and everybody knows who that somebody is. Somebody in Sweden, too; punishment also. Germany at peace with the Argentine Republic, Sweden at peace with the Argentine Republic, and Swedish representatives combining with Germans to arrange "to in" Argentine vessels without leaving any trace." What is that but piracy and murder.

Queer world! There's a panic on the Berlin Stock Exchange because they are afraid peace is coming. These Berlin Stock Exchange gentlemen feel like the young man who has been playing poker all night, and losing—and knows he can't pay. It makes him nervous to have anybody talk about settling up and going home.

### M'ADOO GETS FINDINGS ON BUREAU, ALL KEPT SECRET

Committee of Inquiry Conceals Nature of Report on Serious Charges Against Director Ralph.

An official investigation has been completed by a committee of Treasury Department officials into serious charges made against Joseph E. Ralph, director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

This committee has been delving into conditions at the bureau for several weeks. It has presented a report to Secretary McAdoo.

The findings of the committee have been guarded by the closest secrecy, and no statement with respect to them will be made by the committee members of officials.

**Investigated Hours of Work.**  
The committee is the same that investigated overtime work at the bureau and recommended adherence to the eight-hour working day several weeks ago. It had not completed this inquiry before grave charges against Director Ralph and his conduct of his office were filed with the Secretary. These were turned over to the committee at that time.

No statement can be obtained as to whether or not the charges are groundless or have a basis in fact.

**Bond Printing Delayed.**  
Certain officials admit that work on the issue of the first series of Liberty bonds has been delayed, and that there have been loss and waste in connection with the work. The issue is not yet ready for distribution.

It was stated by a Treasury Department official that the waste in the printing of the issue was due to the fact that Director Ralph was forced to employ green workers to get out the enormous amount of work entailed by the bond issue, certificates of indebtedness, and other war issues.

### HOLD CROWD OFF FOUR HOURS, ROB BANK OF \$30,000

CAMP FUNSTON, Kan., Sept. 15.—Three bandits stood off citizens of Milford, ten miles northwest of here, for four hours early today in an attempt to secure \$30,000 from the vault of the State Bank.

The bank building was wrecked by three charges of nitroglycerine. Scores of shots were fired in the battle, and at least one of the bandits is believed to be wounded.

Seeing their attempts to reach the currency were futile, the bandits escaped on a motor handcar which they abandoned two miles from town. Thousands of soldiers from Camp Funston joined sheriff's posse in an attempt to head off the bandits.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Sept. 15.—Six automobile bandits drove into the little town of Climax, about twelve miles south of Battle Creek, in Kalamazoo county, early this morning, cut all wires held up the villagers, and blew open the safe at the State Bank, making a get-away with \$7,000.

It is believed the men escaped by way of Athens. Cars full of armed officers are scouring all roads in southwestern Michigan, but no trace of the bandit machine has yet been reported.

The bandits worked an hour and used four charges of dynamite in blowing open the safe.

### Shrinkage Reveals Strict Control by Exports Council

America's tightening control of exports is shown in foreign trade statistics made public by the Department of Commerce today. They show that the Exports Council rigidly is enforcing the law.

Total shipments from the United States to foreign countries for July, 1917, amounted to \$378,002,887, whereas for the same month in 1916 the figures were \$444,713,964.

For the seven months ended with July, exports totaled \$3,063,163,372 in 1917, as compared with \$2,925,334,507 for 1916.

Total imports for July, 1917, are valued at \$235,926,352, as against \$182,722,938 for 1916.

Exports of foodstuffs, partly or wholly manufactured, dropped from \$49,588,623 in July, 1916, to \$46,426,940 in 1917.

### SHIPS REPORT SUB CLOSE TO U. S.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Sept. 15.—Naval authorities here received a report that a ship reaching an Atlantic port reported wireless "S O S" calls from a vessel giving her position as sixty-five miles off Nantucket Lightship.

Although the name of the ship is not known the word "Abbey" was heard in the distress call. The "S O S" calls were heard early yesterday morning.

**Another Had Warning.**  
Officers on board the freighter declared the message they intercepted merely declared the sending vessel was "being attacked by submarine shell fire." The international code distress signal was flashing constantly. Not all the wireless call was decipherable.

Another British freight steamer arriving today said warnings had been received by wireless that a submarine was in the western Atlantic ocean. Unconfirmed reports reaching another port may indicate that still another ship was attacked by a German submarine somewhere off the New England coast.

A steamer (name withheld) reported that she intercepted a wireless message from a ship off the coast which said a U-boat had been sighted. She was about to give her position when the calls suddenly stopped. Repeated efforts to locate her brought no reply.

**Many Previous Reports Erroneous.**  
There have been numerous previous reports of visits of German submarines to this side of the Atlantic since the trip of the U-53 to Newport last October. All these reports, however, have turned out to be erroneous.

The Navy Department, hearing of the reports, had been attacked off Nantucket talked with the commandant of the New York naval district and instructed him to board the British ship bringing the news and get full particulars of the captain's story.

### GOVERNMENT WORKERS ATTENTION! IN TOMORROW'S Sunday Times

BILL PRICE has written an article On Plans for Obtaining Pensions for Government Clerks and District School Teachers. The Times is going to help these workers get these pensions.

SEE IT IN THE TIMES TOMORROW!

### U. S. AGENTS FIND SECRET STOREROOM MEANS USED

Justice Department Uncovered Documents Affording Proof of Schemes to Foil America's War Aims.

NEW YORK, Sept. 15.—Federal and municipal authorities searching the apartment in this city of Gaston B. Means, central figure in the investigation in the death of Mrs. Maude A. King, discovered a secret storeroom, heavily bolted and padlocked.

Officials immediately forced the lock in the belief the room would reveal important evidence in untangling the mystery that surrounds the disappearance of Mrs. King's fortune of \$2,000,000.

**Woman Fled From Apartment.**  
Another discovery was made today in connection with the investigation here into the King case. Mrs. Henry Dietrich, or Deutch, the authorities have learned, hastily left the apartment last Tuesday night soon after Gaston Means, brother of Gaston, appeared there.

She was without hat or coat and had not been seen since. Today it was learned she obtained a hat and coat and suitcase and departed for North Carolina.

Mrs. Dietrich is the mother-in-law of Aron Means and is reported to have been the private secretary of Captain Roy-Ed, former agent of the Kaiser in this country prior to his recall by his Government.

Sufficient evidence has already been seized in papers and startling documents discovered in the search yesterday to fix on Means and others charges of complicity in a nation-wide Prussian conspiracy.

**Search Table Legs.**  
Tappings and soundings on the walls, examination of the unusually large table legs and a careful scrutiny of every square foot of space are under way, but thus far nothing has been revealed.

It was the "tip" on the alleged existence of the secret cabinet that let District Attorney Swann to direct detectives from his office to make the investigation. The file of papers, disclosing an alleged Prussian conspiracy, a dictograph outfit, a revolver of large caliber and hundreds of cartridges were the sum total of their seizures yesterday.

**Plot Covers Country.**  
Officials were surprised at the new turn in the case as a result of the discovery and confiscation in the apartment of Means in New York of papers and important documents which they say is conclusive evidence that he was implicated in a far-reaching plot to thwart the aims of the enemies of Germany in the prosecution of the war. The new angle in the case places further investigations largely in the hands of Department of Justice agents.

In making the search of Means' apartment and taking the data indicating a well-formulated conspiracy. (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

### NAVY YARD MEN TO GET TEN PER CENT RAISE

Wage increases at navy yards, averaging 10 per cent, were decided upon this afternoon by the readjustment board, headed by Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt.

In the Puget Sound situation, the board recommended a scale slightly under that submitted by the local wage board, but granted a greater increase than at any other yard. This scale makes Puget Sound the highest paid yard.

### Raemaekers' Cartoon



Do they think they are fooling anybody?

### Important For Soldiers

Go to the New National Theater Tomorrow—Your Uniform Is Your Ticket of Admission. See "Damaged Goods."

Thanks to the energy and the admirable suggestion of Major Pullman, Superintendent of Police, there will be given tomorrow at the New National Theater, a free exhibition of the intensely painful and disagreeable, but highly USEFUL play by Briex, "Damaged Goods."

This play will be presented in picture form tomorrow at the New National Theater under the auspices and with the approval of the highest officials of the army and navy. It is expected that both Secretary Baker and Secretary Daniels will be present, Mr. Daniels making an address. Present also will be General Scott, Surgeon General Gorgas, and all men of the army and navy are invited.

The uniform is a sufficient ticket. No charge for admission.

Civilians, however, accompanying soldiers in uniform will be expected to pay an admission.

Briex's dreadful play, "Damaged Goods," should be seen by intelligent, moral soldiers and sailors, that they may impress with actual knowledge upon other young men the dangers of a vicious life, of immoral conduct at home or abroad.

It is, unfortunately, a fact that disease caused by vice has caused dreadful ravages in this war, second only to the damage done by bullets. And the harm that disease does, lives on in future generations.

It is important that the BEST MEN in the Army and Navy should see this picture, men whose lives are above reproach, and whose influence will be greatest among their comrades.

Having seen this picture, the man of good life and good habits is supplied with FACTS that will enable him to advise, warn, and protect those that lack self-control.

### RUSSIANS CLAMOR FOR EXECUTION OF GEN. KORNILOFF

PETROGRAD, Sept. 15.—General Korniloff and his principal accomplices have been arrested.

By WILLIAM G. SHEPHERD. (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

PETROGRAD, Sept. 15.—Korniloff misjudged Russia; therefore Russia is demanding that Korniloff die.

The provisional government today faced a spreading anger of the people against the former generalissimo. It was due less perhaps to his actual attempt at a revolt than to events which preceded it. The formal government investigation of Korniloff's activities now on may dissipate accusations charges and suspicions against him and make it possible to inflict something less than the death penalty.

The public is demanding his death.

**Suspects Panics Were Organized.**  
Instemias, a people's organ, today expressed the popular suspicion that Riga was surrendered to the Germans in furtherance of Korniloff's schemes.

"If Korniloff succeeded in outwitting the soldiers' committees," the newspaper asserted, "his treachery has not been punished. Our country was handed over to the enemy. Only the soldiers' committee saved Russia. Is it not true that the reported panicky retreats of the Russian army were exaggerated? With the investigation under way we can now discover whether or not these panics were organized by Korniloff's own adjutants."

The newspapers referred to recent "remarkable communications" frankly stating the panic in the Russian retreat.

### ENGLAND FORBIDS CIPHERS TO ENVOY

Not a Single Message Received by Legation Here Since Lansing's Exposure. Differences as to Reason.

LONDON, Sept. 15.—The Swedish minister and his wife have left here for the Continent on a few weeks' leave of absence.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

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Cable communication in cipher between the Stockholm foreign office and the Swedish legation in Washington has been suspended. Not a single cipher cablegram has been permitted to reach the legation here in more than a week, though since the beginning of the war an average of half a dozen cables a day, most of them on commercial business, have been coming to Minister Ekengren.

**Away on Vacation.**

The minister himself is away on a vacation in New England, but in his absence the legation here receives all messages. On the day the State Department made public its disclosures of Swedish use of its cipher privileges on behalf of the German minister in Argentina, messages suddenly stopped coming. The only communication that has been received was sent in uncode language by the Stockholm foreign office, and contained the text in French of the statement previously published by the press explaining the Swedish government's attitude on the American State Department's revelations. The fact that the communication was sent in French may indicate that Great Britain is now compelling Sweden to send all her messages in French, the language of diplomatic intercourse, and that cipher is no longer permitted. On the other hand, it is true that in the past Swedish cipher messages often have been issued in French.

The most plausible explanation of the suspension of cipher communication between the Swedish legation here and the foreign office in Stockholm is that pending the outcome of Great Britain's representations on the subject of the recent exposé, the British will not allow their cables to be used by Sweden to communicate secretly with any of her legations.

**May Have Key to Code.**  
It is possible, too, that some of the belligerent secret service operatives may have obtained copies of the Swedish codes and that the foreign office will not send messages in cipher until it can effect a change.

Incidentally, the State Department has had nothing to say thus far about the published report that Minister Ekengren has been using his code privileges to transmit messages. If he did send some while the German ambassador was here, there would be no offense against the United States, because this country was still neutral then, though it is not believed that even at that time Mr. Ekengren would have permitted the dispatch of anything of an unusual character. Some time ago there was some secret negotiation in reference to peace proposals which it was generally assumed in Washington were transmitted through the Swedish legation, but no responsible official in the American Government will say that anything improper has been discovered in the conduct of the Swedish minister or the attaches of his legation.

**Removed All Suspicion.**

Secretary Lansing himself removed all suspicion from Chevalier van Rappard, the Dutch minister, today, by authorizing the statement that the minister's recall was in no way connected with the use of secret cipher communication, and that Mr. van Rappard's attitude throughout has been

Mr. Gerard's Book, "My Four Years in Germany," Begins in Sunday's Times